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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF NORAD AGREEMENT.

1. DEFMIN RICHARDSON ANNOUNCED IN HOUSE COMMONS APR 17 THAT CANADA AND U. S. HAVE AGREED TO EXTEND NORAD AGREEMENT IN ITS PRESENT FORM FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS COMMENCING MAY 12, 1973. RICHARDSON SAID THIS EXTENSION WILL ALLOW TIME FOR GOVERNMENTS TO DECIDE UPON THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE SYSTEMS FOR THE AIR DEFENSE OF NORTH AMERICA SHOULD BE CHANGED AND IMPROVED. HE NOTED THAT THE GOC DECISION TO RENEW THE NORAD AGREEMENT WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE. (POUCHED SEPARATELY)

2. GOC DECISION WAS WELCOMED BY PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE DEFENCE CRITIC FORRESTALL WHO DESCRIBED THE AGREEMENT AS THE " MINIMUM POSITION ACCEPTABLE TO US IN RESPECT OF SHARING OF RESPONSIBILITY IN NORTH AMERICAN DEFENSE." FORRESTALL STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF CANADIAN ROLE OF SURVEILLANCE DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION AS A MEANS OF MAINTAINING CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY.

3. NDP FOREIGN AFFAIRS CRITIC BREWIN OPPOSED THE GOC DECISION SAYING THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE LET NORAD DIE A NATURAL DEATH. BREWIN SAID THAT NORAD HAD BEEN DESIGNED TO MEET THE THREAT OF MANNED BOMBERS FROM THE USSR AND THAT THIS THREAT IS NOW NON- EXISTENT. BREWIN SAID THAT A NEW FRAMEWORK IS

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NEEDED FOR CANADIAN - US COOPERATION IN RESPECT OF AIR DEFENSE
OF NORTH AMERICA.

4. THE SOCIAL CREDIT PARTY SPOKESMAN SUPPORTED THE GOVERNMENT'S
DECISION.

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